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INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA SAUDI ARABIA

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SUBJECT : SAUDI-BAHRAINI INFORMATION EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

1. GOB HAS ANNOUNCED SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA TO ENSURE FREER EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION. ACCORDING TERMS OF AGREEMENT, GOB AND SAG WILL EXCHANGE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH EMPHASIS ON RADIO, TV, AND TECHNICIAN TRAINING. SIGNING WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SAUDI NATIONAL TV GIFT OF VIDEOTAPE RECORDER AND SAUDI VARIETY PROGRAMS. MINISTER INFORMATION SAYS GOB PLANNING MAKE INCREASING USE SAUDI MEDIA TRAINING FACILITIES AS WELL AS ON-JOB-TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT.

2. COMMENT: THOUGH A SMALL THING IN ITSELF, AGREEMENT (AND GIFT) REPRESENT THE SORT OF CONCRETE COOPERATION AMONG GULF STATES WHICH SUPPORTS OUR POLICY AIMS. FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT WE SENSE SUCH COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKINGS ARE INCREASING

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AND THAT FINALLY SAUDIS ARE OVERCOMING THIER DIFFIDENCE AND

BEGINNING TO HIT A RESPECTABLE STRIDE IN GULF. ONE TIMELY
SIDELIGHT OF SAUDI GIFT WAS REPORTED CONSTERNATION LOCAL
BOYCOTT OFFICE UPON DISCOVERING THAT EQUIPMENT SAUDIS
SHIPPED TO BAHRAIN WAS RCA. REPORTEDLY GOB AND SAG OFFICIALS
TOLD BOYCOTT OFFICE TO BUG OFF.

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